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Public Hearings

The public hearings, scheduled for several cities throughout Montana, are "off the ground". The first was held at Eastern Montana College in Billings, the second at Montana State University in Bozeman and the third in Butte at the Webster-Garfield School.

The purpose of these hearings is to learn from the public, faculty, students and any other interested persons their views on issues pertaining to post-secondary education. They are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the remainder of February, throughout March and into April. All hearings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The dates and places for the remainder of the hearings are as follows:

2/28/74	Student Center, Dawson College, Glendive
3/14/74	SUB, Northern Montana College, Havre
3/19/74	Commons Room, Carroll College, Helena
3/21/74	Glasgow High School, Glasgow
3/26/74	Theatre 51, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell
3/28/74	University Ballroom Center, University of Montana, Missoula
4/2/74	Auditorium Western Montana College, Dillon
4/9/74	Theatre, College of Great Falls, Great Falls

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Staff Report #3

Staff Report #3, MONTANA POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TODAY, is back from the printer. The report is a quantitative snapshot of public post-secondary education in Montana based upon institutional sources. It's major purpose is to show "trends" and give an overview of enrollments, cost per student, admission policies, etc. This is as good a profile as can be compiled presently from the data given by the various institutions. However, this data will be replaced by more detailed statistics--based upon uniform definitions--collected by the Commission through its technical committees.

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Study Projects

The Technical Advisory Committees have submitted their "interim" reports to the Commission. These reports reflect the synthesis of data collected to date. These advisory groups consist of experts in various aspects of Montana post-secondary education who are not considered institutional representatives but resource persons responsible to the Commission for collecting information relevant to state policy issues. These groups will work toward drafting a final report of their studies by May 1, 1974.

The Technical Committees are as follows:

Accountability
Adult and Continuing Education
Faculty Research
Fiscal and Budgetary Information
Health Care
Independent Higher Education
Manpower Planning
Programmatic Planning
Relationships Between Post-Secondary Institutions
Relationships Between Secondary Education and Post-Secondary Institutions
Student Enrollment
Survey Research

The Commission Staff will undertake some studies dealing with substantive issues in post-secondary education in Montana. Compared to the studies undertaken by the technical groups, these will be brief. Some of the studies are:

Proprietary Education in Montana
Accreditation
Native Americans
Governance, Administration, Coordination and Planning
Faculty and Staff Compensation

Again, we would like to remind our readers that anyone interested in addressing himself to the issues of these studies, or anything pertinent to the Commission study, is asked to do so in writing. All input can be addressed to:

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Commission Reports*

Title	Author	Availability
Staff Report #1 Review of Prior Studies of Post-Secondary Education	Staff	Current
Staff Report #2 Montana Post-Secondary Education: Issues and Questions A Summary of Correspondence	Staff	Current
Staff Report #3 Montana Public Post-Secondary Education Today	Staff	Current
Study Plan	Commission	Current

*(Single copies are available upon request from the Office of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education.)

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Video Tapes

Rick Champoux, a member of the Commission, has provided us with video tapes of interviews with some of the people who appeared at the November workshop, as well as tapes of the program, "Politics and Higher Education". These can be obtained from our office for use in meetings of various community organizations, for public appearances, etc. The tapes are:

Interview with DAN MOORE, Director, Educational Programs, Los Angeles TIMES

Interview with LYMAN GLENNY, Director, Center for Research and Development in Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley

Interview with FRED NELSON, College Entrance Examination Board, Palo Alto, California and DICK JONSEN, Assistant Dean, School of Education, Syracuse University, New York

Interview with RICHARD GIBB, Commissioner of Higher Education, Pierre, South Dakota

Interview with PATRICK M. CALLAN, Director of Post-Secondary Education, Montana, TED JAMES, Chairman of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education and Chairman, Board of Regents, Montana, LAWRENCE K. PETTIT, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana for "Politics and Higher Education"

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Staff Appointments

Mr. George L. Bousliman has left the staff of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education to take a temporary assignment with the Department of Intergovernmental Relations. JoEllen Estenson, formerly the assistant director, has moved into the deputy director position. Beth Richter has joined the staff as one of the research analysts.

Professional Staff Members for the Commission on Post-Secondary Education are:

Patrick M. Callan, Director
JoEllen Estenson, Deputy Director
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Elizabeth Richter, Research Analyst

The Clerical Staff consists of:

Carol Lea Hunt
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